Fishing by Verali Vali.

391. *MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have at any time passed orders prohibiting fishing by *Verali Vali* in backwaters;

(*b*) whether the order is still in force; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, why it is not being enforced in Kayamkulam backwaters ?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) It is being enforced in Kayamkulam backwaters.

Detenues under the Travancore Defence Act.

392. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state the number and names of persons detained under the Travancore Defence Act and the respective lock-ups in which they are kept ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : A *statement containing the information is placed on the table.

MR. P. V. MATHAI CHEMPARATHI (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*) : May I know whether there is any truth in the rumour that more persons are detained ?

PRESIDENT : The question need not be answered as it is based on rumour.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : It is seen from the statement that numbers 6, 7 and 10 are in jail. The remaining 7 persons are now in lock-ups. May I know whether there is any special reason for keeping them in lock-ups ?

PRESIDENT : Since the question has been raised, I might say that some gentlemen analogous to those mentioned here were kept in the Central Prison and were responsible for very great trouble in the Central Prison. That is why the most mischievous elements are kept in lock-ups and not in the Central Prison.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : With regard to Mr. R. Sugathan, may I know whether any case is pending against him at Quilon ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Yes, he is being tried by the District Magistrate, Quilon.

MR. KANNATHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know whether there is any special reason for sending him to Erattupettah ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Yes, there is very good reason. He is a political plague bacilli and he should therefore be seggregated away.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Torala* cum *Agastiswaram*) : May I know whether all these political prisoners are charge-sheeted ?

* *Vide* Appendix VII page 924.

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